ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

# MINUTES

OF THE

## TWELFTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

# Montgomery Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

## Prattville Baptist Church, Autauga County, Ala.,

July 18, 19 and 20, 1893.

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OFFICERS.

T. L. JONES, MODERATOR.....Montgomery, Ala.

J. I. LAMAR, CLERK.....Troy, Ala.

J. H. DICKSON, TREASURER.....Pine Level, Ala.

Who also constitute the Executive Board of the Association.

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The next session will be held with Bethel Church, Ft. Deposit, Tuesday, July 17, 1894.

## NAMES AND POSTOFFICES OF MINISTERS.

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| Geo. B. Eager, D. D | Montgomery, | Ala. |
| W. M. Harris | " | " |
| W. J. Elliott | " | " |
| J. Falkner | " | " |
| J. Hicks | " | " |
| G. W. Townsend | " | " |
| E. F. Baber | " | " |
| C. W. Hare | Clanton, | " |
| B. A. Jackson | Ramer, | " |
| W. H. Booth | Prattville, | " |
| W. G. Sullivant | Raif Branch, | " |
| N. A. Moore | Center Point, | " |
| S. J. Catts | Ft. Deposit, | " |
| R. M. Burt | " | " |
| F. M. Rollins | Prattville, | " |
| A. F. Goldsmith | Calhoun, | " |

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## ASSOCIATION DISTRICTS.

First District—Wetumpka, Bethany, Prattville, Mt. Hebron, Deatsville, Shoal Creek, Coosada, Good Hope.

Second District—Pine Level, Mt. Lebanon, Mt. Zion, Lowndesboro, Hayneville, Bethel.

Third District—First Montgomery, Adams Street, Ramer, Bethesda, Philadelphia, Friendship, West Montgomery.

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## ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Association called to order by Moderator.
2. Appoint Committee on Credentials.
3. Fix time of meeting and adjourning.
4. Introductory Sermon.
5. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
6. Receive correspondence and visitors.
7. Receive petitions from Churches desiring membership.
8. Appoint committee to report during session—
   - On Religious Exercises.
   - On Finance and Auditing.
   - On Nominations.
9. Read rules of order.
10. Hear reports from committees and treasurer.
11. Return correspondence.
12. Appoint committees to report at next meeting—
   - On Home Missions.
   - On Foreign Missions.
   - On Sunday Schools.
   - On Temperance.
   - On Denominational Education.
   - On State Board of Missions.
   - On Ministerial Education.
   - On Indigent Ministers.
   - On Woman's Work.
   - On Orphan's Home.
13. Hear miscellaneous business.
14. Call roll and erase absentees.
15. Arrange for printing minutes.
16. Correct minutes and adjourn.

# MINUTES.

The Montgomery Baptist Association assembled for its twelfth session with the Prattville Baptist Church, Prattville, Alabama, at 10:30 o'clock a. m. on Tuesday, July 18, 1893, having been called to order by the Moderator, Elder B. A. Jackson.

Devotional Exercises were conducted by Dr. W. C. Cleveland.

Appointed Committee on Credentials as follows: J. H. Dickson, T. L. Jones, R. B. James.

On fixing hours of meeting and adjourning: J. G. Harris, P. N. Cilley, J. R. McLendon.

The Introductory Sermon was then preached by Dr. Geo. B. Eager. Text: Job 32:7: "There is a spirit in man ,and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding." Theme: "The Nature and Need of Divine Inspiration."

Committee to fix hours of meeting report: Adjourn at 12 m., meet at 3 p. m.; adjourn at 6 p. m., meet at 8 p. m.; adjourn at pleasure, meet at 9 a. m., devotional exercises half an hour.

Adjourned. Benediction by Elder W. B. Crumpton.

## TUESDAY AFTERNOON.

Devotional exercises conducted by Dr. W. Wilkes.

Committee on Credentials made report as follows:

Adams Street, Montgomery—Letter, no delegates.
Bethany—W. P. Dawson.
Bethesda—W. V. Bell.
Coosada—R. H. Hudson.
Deatsville—M. A. Pyron, T. M. Guy, J. I. Lamar.
Friendship—S. F. Lawrence.
Hayneville—U. G. W. Powell.
Lowndesboro—P. N. Cilley, E. W. Robinson, J. T. Dickson, W. J. Elliott.
First Montgomery—Dr. Geo. B. Eager, J. G. Harris, T. L. Jones, C. W. Hare.
West Montgomery—G. W. Townsend.
Mt. Hebron—W. H. Kendrick, J. N. Norris, R. B. James, J. Hogan.
Mt. Lebanon—Letter, no delegates.
Mt. Zion—J. G. Mills, G. W. Johnson.

Philadelphia—Not represented.
Pine Level—J. H. Dickson, A. H. Eubank, W. H. Jones.
Prattville—E. E. Gresham, G. W. Walls, J. H. Booth.
Ramer—B. A. Jackson, C. S. Fuller, J. R. McLendon.
Shoal Creek—Not represented.
Wetumpka—C. C. Edwards.
Good Hope—O. N. Gunnells, F. M. Chapman, F. M. Rollins.
Bethel—W. L. Hairston, J. M. Black, H. R. Golson.

Elder B. A. Jackson asked to be relieved from serving longer as Moderator.

Election of officers by ballot was proceeded with, resulting in the choice of T. L. Jones, Moderator, J. I. Lamar, Clerk, J. H. Dickson, Treasurer.

Received correspondence from:

Coosa River Association—Dr. W. Wilkes.
Unity—James Pool.
Newton—Elder P. L. Mosely.
State Mission Board—Elder W. B. Crumpton.
Howard College—Prof. B. F. Giles.
Judson Female Institute—Elder C. W. Hare.
Alabama Baptist—J. G. Harris.

An invitation was extended to churches desiring membership to present their petitions. Bethel Church, Ft. Deposit, dismissed from Alabama Association, West Montgomery, Montgomery, and Good Hope, Autauga county, newly constituted, were received by their letters and delegates and the hand of fellowship extended.

Appointed the following committees to report during session:

On Finance and Auditing—W. V. Bell, R. H. Hudson, A. H. Eubank.
Nominations—P. N. Cilley, J. G. Harris, W. P. Dawson.

The program prepared by the committee appointed last session was adopted with the privilege of making any change the Association may direct.

Committee on Sunday schools made report through the Chairman, W. J. Elliott, and after remarks by several brethren, was adopted as follows:

## REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools desire to attract your attention to the importance of this enterprise, hoping it may receive at your hands the consideration to which it is entitled. We doubt if in discussing the subjects brought before you there will be one coming closer to the great living heart

of our Saviour than does the intelligent, faithful instruction of the children in the word of divine revelation. We invite your attention to the following points:

1. To the objects of its organization.
2. The most desirable methods to be practiced in its management.
3. Its possible influence on society.
4. The relationship that should exist between it and the Church of Christ.

What other plan of preaching the gospel is comparable to this? Carefully grouping the truths of the Bible, and faithfully teaching them from Sabbath to Sabbath through a series of years, intelligently applying its precepts and admonitions to each individual heart and life, what a vast store of Biblical knowledge will be acquired, and what influences put in operation for enlighened citizenship with those in whose hands, at no distant day, is to be placed the destiny of nations; and hence what untold good to the body politic. Think you, had the children of France been as thoroughly indoctrinated in the truths of the Bible as they were in the platitudes of Unreason, could the carnival of blood of the commune have been a possibility? Nay, verily. From a political stand point, no free government in the hands of, and managed by the people, can afford to let the children grow up in ignorance of the truths of the Bible. But some say, "Let us teach our children these truths at home." Will you do so? God bless you, if you do. But do you? Don't every Sabbath school teacher know how difficult it is to secure assistance from even christian parents to help the precious little inquirers to comprehend even the short lessons given to be prepared at home for each Sabbath's recitation? But grant faithfulness along this line on the part of christian parents, and abolish the Sabbath schools. What then? Think of the many bright little minds that are without the aid and influence of christian parents or friends, and who would be left uninstructed in Bible truth but for the opportunities of the Sabbath school. What missionary work could come nearer to us than this?

Who can say that from aught else can enlighted citizenship be more confidently expected than from properly organized and intelligently managed Sabbath schools. That in many of our schools the methods are defective may be true, but in the name of the Master let us organize and do the best we can. If our efforts are crippled from the inexperience of our superintendents and teachers, no matter; let us work up to the very best there is in us, and our word for it, or rather God's promise for it, there will be improvement, progress and blessed results. We regard the subject matter taught as of vastly more importance than the method of teaching it. Your committee lack time to more than glance at a few of the advantages to be expected from earnest Sabbath school work. To the churches, it is the right arm of power. Bible knowledge is the great underlying principle and preparation for the reception of the office and work of the Spirit of God in regeneration. A knowledge of a Substitute, a Saviour, a Mediator and Intercessor is essential to a work of grace in the heart. And who can say how soon this work may be begun in the young and tender hearts, being trained in our Sabbath schools? We think we are correct when we assert that a large majority of those coming into the churches have been taught in the Sabbath schools. And we are willing to go further and say, the church that has no Sabbath school managed by its membership is comparatively a dead church, with few additions and a low state of spirituality.

Now, then, should the membership of the Sabbath school be confined to the children alone? Your committee desire to enter their protest against any such suggestion. We urge that in its organization its provisions should be comprehensive enough to embrace within its purview every one desiring a knowledge of the word of God. Then we expect to find there all christians Let us press this point, that it is the duty of every member of the church to attend, both on account of their own increase in knowledge of the truth and consequent growth in grace, and also for the reason that their

influence may encourage others to come and thus reap the benefits from these exercises.

The higher officials of the churches may well be expected to move out promptly and cheerfully on this line of march, and constitute themselves a committee of inspection, careful to see that proper instruction is given in this great co-worker with the church.

Well, what should be taught in these schools? We answer, all the truths of the Bible. Not alone the great cardinal doctrines that all classes approve and all denominations endorse, but the essential tenets and practices characterizing us as a denomination, fortifying this instruction with the divine authority for such faith and practice. We fear that our teachers have not been as pronounced, as to our denominational views, as the importance of those views demanded. We should speak out plainly the faith that in us is, in the full exercise of christian charity.

We do not admit there are non-essentials in the gospel of Christ, or its requirements. Whatever our Master commands us to do, or believe, can never be regarded as non-essential. If he has declared, "He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved," we are to teach that faith prepares the way and baptism follows as an act of obedience, and both are essential to induction into his visible church; and only true believers, following his example and obeying his injunctions to be buried with Christ in baptism are, or can be, entitled to the great privilege of membership with him. These and other characteristic articles of faith ought to be intelligently taught in our Sabbath schools.

But how can we expect such instruction at the hands of teachers who are not christians, or from those who being christians are not in harmony with our faith and practices? To give your children in charge to teachers of other denominations, is to raise your children for the churches represented by those teachers. When the time shall come that the pastors and other officials of our churches shall be on the alert as inspectors to see that the tenets of our order are faithfully taught in our Sabbath schools, then shall we see an end to the necessity of everlastingly explaining the nature of our belief, and giving excuses for our practices. Some people, even of our own church, think it indicates a narrow spirit to teach children to be loyal to the church or denomination in which they are being trained. This is all wrong. Let them be taught, if you will, to love the christians of all denominations, but more especially our own. Instil into the minds of the children a love for your denomination, and you will have no occasion to doubt their zeal as earnest church workers in the future. His denomination is like his nation or his home. It is his because he was born and reared there. It is dear to him with the unquestioning sense that he belongs to it and it to him.

The faithful teacher will not only teach love to God, but also love for the church where God is found and known.

We beg to call your attention to the statistics of the Sunday school work in the association. We have in the association twenty-one churches. Of these five have no Sabbath schools, while one has union school. The fifteen schools have one hundred and fifty-two teachers. In the schools there are one thousand three hundred and eighteen scholars. From these fifteen Sabbath schools twenty-five have within the year united with the Baptist church.

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. ELLIOTT, Ch'man.

Adjourned. Benediction by Elder W. B. Crumpton.

## NIGHT SESSION.

Missionary Sermon by Elder G. W. Townsend. Text: James 2:20—"Wilt thou know, O, vain man, that faith without works is dead?" A collection for missions was taken amounting to $8.15.

## WEDNESDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises conducted by Prof. B. F. Giles.

Rev. Bro. Abernathy, pastor of Prattville M. E. Church, being present, was invited to a seat.

Returned Correspondence:

To Coosa River Association—J. G. Harris, C. W. Hare, W. J. Elliott.
Newton—J. G. Harris.
Conecuh—J. G. Harris.
Unity—O. N. Gunnells, F. M. Rollins.

By order of the association, any member attending another association may represent this body as a messenger.

Report of the Committee on Education was read by the Chairman, J. G. Harris, and after being discussed, a substitute was offered and adopted as follows:

### REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Since the matter of education is taking such vigorous hold on the minds of our people, we would urge them to look well to the moral surroundings of their children while they are securing their literary training. For our sons Howard College stands with open doors, not only to give the best literary training, but also to surround them with positive religious influence. For our daughters, the Judson Institute has no superior along the same line. We commend most heartily these two colleges to the confidence and patronage of our members.

Respectfully submitted,

J. G. HARRIS, Ch'man.

Report of the committee on Ministerial Education was read by the Chairman, C. W. Hare, when Dr. W. C. Cleveland asked the association to raise the amount suggested by the committee ($300.00) by the time specified by the committee, which was done by pledges for support of ministers at Howard College, to be paid by October 1st and February 1st, next, as follows:

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| Adams street | $ 25 00 | Mt. Zion | $ 5 00 |
| Bethany | 10 00 | Philadelphia | |
| Bethesda | 10 00 | Pine Level | 10 00 |
| Coosada | 5 00 | Prattville | 10 00 |
| Deatsville | 5 00 | Ramer | 10 00 |
| Friendship | 5 00 | Wetumpka | |
| Hayneville | 5 00 | West Montgomery | |
| Lowndesboro | 15 00 | Ft. Deposit | 20 00 |
| First Montgomery | 150 00 | Good Hope | |
| Mt. Hebron | 5 00 | G. W. Townsend (self) | 10 00 |
| Mt. Lebanon | 5 00 | | |

## REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

The condition of many of the churches of Alabama calls loudly for an increase in our force of competent workmen. The members of the Board of Ministerial Education see this need, hence their earnest appeals to the churches to assist in the education of men who give evidence of their call to the ministry. The prayer for more laborers is constantly going up from earnest hearts, and the Lord is answering in the "here am I, send me" that is sounding from many young men. This should constitute a loud call to the churches to aid to better equipment these men of God. In the past our churches have done well for this cause, but increased demands call for increased contributions.

*Resolved*, That we apportion among our churches the sum of $300 for the next associational year, and urge them to raise half that sum by October 1st and the remainder by February 1st, 1894.

C. W. HARE.

On motion, order of business was changed to allow report on Woman's Work to take the place of children's hour this afternoon session.

Adjourned. Benediction by Elder G. W. Townsend.

## WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

Prayer by Elder W. B. Crumpton.

## REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

The committee recommend that the next meeting be held with Bethel Church, Ft. Deposit, on Tuesday after the third Sunday in July, 1894; Elder W. J. Elliott to preach the Introductory Sermon, Elder B. A. Jackson to preach the Missionary Sermon.

Respectfully submitted,

P. N. CILLEY, Ch'man.

Report adopted.

Report on Woman's Work read by the Chairman, Dr. Geo. B. Eager, and after an address by him was adopted, and the Woman's Aid Society held a meeting in the Sunday School room of the M. E. Church.

## REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

The day for defending woman's work is happily past. The Montgomery Association, at its last session, declared itself in fullest sympathy with woman's work as now organized and carried on among us, and resolved to appoint a standing committee to report on said work at every session of the body.

Your committee, therefore, would call attention to certain facts which speak for themselves, and form for us the index finger of God pointing us to our duty and our opportunity.

The woman's movement among Southern Baptists is represented by the Woman's Missionary Union of Baltimore, which has been from its inception in purpose and in fact auxiliary to the Southern Baptist Convention. In Alabama it is represented by the Womam's Central Committee at Birmingham, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, President. It has ever kept in touch and cooperation with the Home and Foreign Mission Boards, undertaking only such work as has been suggested or approved by them. The barest recital of the facts concerning the work achieved by them would have a logic aud an eloquence more convincing than any argument. For instance, the total amount reported as raised by our Baptist women of the South in 1887, the year previous to the organization of the Woman's Missionary Union, was $17,000. This year, the fifth since the Union's organization, they raised for Home and Foreign Missions alone $62,336.75, or nearly 25 per cent. of the aggregate amounts reported by our Home and Foreign Boards. The gain of their contributions for the five years has been $41,299.59; for the last year over the previous year it was $18 043 95. The grand total of amounts raised by them since 1888 for Home and Foreign Missions is $228,654.50. Surely for such results and such marked growth in the grace of giving, we should devoutly thank God and take courage, especially since these splendid results have in no way lessened but rather stimulated the regular contributions to our Boards. "Peter has not been robbed," as Dr. Eliis says, "to enrich Paul." During the past year they have done, in addition to their regular work, an immense amount of extra work in connection with the Centenuial of Missions. The correspondence of the Woman's Missionary Union was four times as great as the year before; and the distribution of literature arose from 236,751 leaflets, tracts, etc., in '92, to 530,255 in '93. This greatly augmented volume of work involved, of course, much additional labor, but the increase of actual expense was only $234.33, the secret being that it was the labor of love. No salaries or commissions are paid to the officers or helpers of the Union.

The Union has entered the current conventional year with enlarged plans, recommended by the Home and Foreign Boards. These plans are full of promise, for they embrace not only lines of work previously pursued with signal success, but other important undertakings peculiarly suited to women. At the suggestion of the Foreign Board, they have undertaken to raise the entire sum required to support our women missionaries in foreign lands, upwards of $36,000, and to introduce the observance of "Missionary Day" in all our Sunday schools, prepare and distribute programs, etc., and do all else that they can to make this new scheme an educational and financial factor in our denominational life.

Woman's work in Alabama in this organized form is only four years old, and yet it is hardly surpassed by that of any other Southern state in thoroughness of organization and actual results achieved. The Central Committee of no other state can boast of superior officers, the gifted president, Mrs. T. A. Hamilton, a daughter of the late devoted Secretary of the Foreign Board, being confessedly one of the brightest and best of all our workers. Under their effective leadership women's societies have been multiplied, and the work has grown steadily and cheeringly. There are now 251 societies in the state. Last year they raised $6,198.33; gave a

Christmas offering for work in Japan of $533.00, of which this association gave $115.00; sent 20 boxes to frontier missionaries, valued at $900, eclipsing all their sister states in this line of work, supported four Cuban girls in Havana, besides giving cash contributions to the Havana school, contributed liberally to the education of Pura Cova at the Judson, and to the Orphanage at Evergreen, and through the Birmingham Association have undertaken the support of a missionary in China.

This report covers, of course, only the ground occupied by the organized work of the women's societies, and by no means embraces all the work done by them as individuals. This, the last great day alone, will adequately make known. For their own and their work's sake we would render them honor, and we would recommend, first, that the churches heed the apostolic information, "Help those women," and foster their societies; and, second, that the women's societies cultivate sympathetic relations and sentiments of unity with their respective churches.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. EAGER,
J. G. HARRIS.
U. G. W. POWELL.

Report of the Committee on Bible and Colportage was read, and after an address by the Chairman, Elder W. J. Elliott, it was adopted as follows:

## REPORT ON BIBLE AND COLPORTAGE.

We thoroughly believe that the written Word is used of God in turning people from sin unto righteousness, and that all branches of Christian work are benefitted by the distribution of the Scriptures and other religious literature. This is an age of books—a reading age. The opinions of the masses are formed not so much from what they hear as from what they read.

The young mind is going to be filled with thoughts of some kind; then how important it is that every household should be well supplied with wholesome literature. Drive out the darkness by the rays of light. Fill the mind so full of good that no place will be left for evil. Satan is flooding the country with bad books, and we must counteract this influence through the work of the colporteur, who goes from house to house, and not only talks to the people, but leaves a good book or a tract behind him that will often set in motion waves of influence, whose force will not be known until we see them reaching the heavenly shores.

We beg to call your attention to the following facts concerning the work of this department: This department has had thirteen colporteurs in the field this year; among them some very fine workers. But the stringency of money matters has greatly retarded the progress of the work throughout the state.

Colporteurs so far have purchased about $500 00 worth of books from this department of the Board. The sales of this department up to the first of July amounts to $3,070 00; this means for about two-thirds of the conventional year. For the month of June the department received orders from 250 schools. About sixty per cent. of these were for the convention series, and the remainder for the American Baptist Publication Society series. The contributions to the department for the past eight months amount to $278.00; this includes one hundred dollars donated by the Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville, Tenn. The department is far short in contributions as compared with last year, and we can only account for it from the fact that the bulk of mission work has been given to Foreign, Home and Centennial fund. What they need more than anything else is

practical and financial help, as well as to be more centrally located. We believe that the work of this department is as much needed and will bear as much final fruit to our Baptist cause in Alabama, as any work being done in the state.

We recommend the Alaboma Baptist as worthy of our support. The Missionary Quarterly, published by Bro. W. B. Crumpton, ought to go into every Baptist home in the state. The Foreign Mission Journal and Our Home Field are indispensable to all who would inform themselves on Missions. As to Sabbath school literature, there are two publishing houses, either of which is worthy of our patronage; we leave it to the choice of the schools which they will take.

The Board at Opelika is very anxious for all the Sunday schools to send their orders to them. Their prices are the same as the publishers, and in ordering through this department each Sunday school gives its mite in support of colportage work and in aiding destitute communities to build up Sunday schools.

W. J. ELLIOTT, Ch'man.

Rev. Dr. Alexander, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, was invited to a seat.

Children's hour was very appropriately used by Bro. T. L. Jones, demonstrating Sunday school teaching by the use of blackboard exercises.

Appointed the standing committees to report at the next session as follows:

On Home Missions—W. M. Harris, A. H. Eubank, R. H. Hudson
Foreign Missions—Dr. Geo. B. Eager, W. P. Dawson, J. P. Streety.
Sunday Schools—J. G. Harris, M. A. Pyron, C. C. Edwards.
Temperance—G. W. Townsend, H R. Golson, W. V. Bell.
Denominational Education—W. J. Elliott, G W. Ellis, U. G. W. Powell.
State Board of Missions—B. A. Jackson J. R. McLendon, F. M. Rollins.
Ministerial Education—S. J. Catts, W. H. Booth, G. W. Ellis.
Indigent Ministers—C W. Hare, R. B. James. J. G. Mills.
Woman's Work—P. N. Cilley, S. F. Lawrence, H R. Golson.
Orphan's Home—Dr. Geo. B. Eager, W. J. Elliott, J. H. Booth.

Sunday school committee men:

First District—R H. Hudson.
Second District—H. R. Golson.
Third District—G. W. Ellis.
For the Association—J. H. Dickson.
Committee on program for next year—J. H. Dickson, G. W. Ellis, W. B. Davidson.
Delegates to the State Convention—W. M. Harris, Dr. Geo. B. Eager, B. A. Jackson, C. W. Hare, G. W. Ellis, G. W. Townsend, S. J. Catts, W. J. Elliott. J. G. Harris. J H Dickson.
Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention—B. A. Jackson. Alternate, W. J. Elliott.

The following was offered and adopted by the association:

*Whereas*, a Baptist Orphan's Home has been organized in the state and recognized as a necessity, therefore be it

*Resolved*, 1st, That the Montgomery Association declare itself in fullest sympathy and active co-operation with this enterprise.

Second, that this association appoint a standing committee to report on the Orphan's Home at every session of this body. We recommend that all moneys, clothing, etc., be sent to Rev. J. W. Stewart, Evergreen, Ala.

Dr. W. C. Cleveland was requested to prepare the report for to-night on Foreign Missions, as the Chairman is absent, and he and Elder P. L. Mosely address the body to-night.

The Clerk was instructed to place the churches that have united with the Association this session, in the proper districts.

Report of Committee on Finance and Auditing read and adopted, as also the Treasurer's report.

On motion, ordered that the amount in hands of the Clerk ($7.75), contributed a few sessions ago to place tombstones over the graves of Elders Lundy and Robinson, be appropriated to Indigent Ministers fund.

Ordered that the Clerk have 500 copies of the minutes printed and distributed, and use the amount of funds sent for that purpose.

Adjourned. Benediction by Dr. Geo. B. Eager.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT.

Devotional exercises by Elder P. L. Mosely.

Report on Foreign Missions read by Dr. W. C. Cleveland as follows: "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature," and then addressed the body, followed by Dr. W. Wilkes. The report was then adopted.

Report on Temperance was read by the Chairman, J. H. Dickson, who addressed the association. The report was then adopted as follows:

### REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We wish to present this whiskey traffic in a business manner. It is a great corporation formed by men, with an idea for money. It can be compared to a mammoth manufacturing concern, operating with humanity. Behold! how it advertises for our boys, the only material it can use. In its organization it presents the interest of the management through its agents, who are so multiplied in ways and forms that they reach every calling and class of the human family.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. Dickson, Chairman.

Adjourned. Benediction by Elder P. L. Moseley.

## THURSDAY MORNING.

Devotional exercises conducted by Elder W. B. Crumpton.

Committee on State of the Churches was stricken from the order of business.

Report on Indigent Ministers was read, and after being discussed, was adopted as follows:

### REPORT ON INDIGENT MINISTERS.

The Montgomery Association is fully committed to the aid of aged and infirm ministers, and the families of deceased ministers, wherever such aid is needed; and we do now renew our pledge to give such material support to all such worthy subjects that may come under this department of our denominational work. After discussion, the report was adopted.

G, W. ELLIS, Chairman.

Report on Home and State Missions read by Dr. Geo. B. Eager, and addresses by himself and Elder W. B. Crumpton. The report was adopted as follows;

### REPORT ON STATE AND HOME MISSIONS.

There is a sense in which State and Home Missions are one, and may be carried on cooperatively; yet there is between them a distinction, with a difference which we do well to observe.

#### OUR STATE BOARD.

Seventeen years ago the Board of State Missions was organized. The old Domestic and Indian Mission Board was then located in our state, but next to nothing was being done towards the development of the benevolence of our people. Some of the larger associations were conducting mission work after a sort in their own bounds. Occasionally an agent chanced to come along, and a collection was taken for our Home or Foreign work; but such a thing as systematic giving was hardly ever thought of in the churches. Few associations ever had reports or discussions on Missions, Sunday schools, Temperance or Education. Everything waited on the annual meeting, when interest arose to a flood tide and converts were baptized, sometimes in great numbers, but soon everything relapsed into the old dull way. Anything like convert training was forgotten or neglected, little was expected of the new members, especially in giving, and at least, as a matter of fact, little was ever accomplished. As our State Secretary has said in reciting this history, great things may have been expected from God, but great things were not attempted for God by the churches.

Now the State Mission Board came to the kingdom for such a time as this. From its very beginning, its aim and effort has been to stimulate and develop our people in christian benevolence and missionary activity. Out of it, as the mother, came the ministerial education and Bible and colportage boards, and every other agency of our state and general conventions has felt its fostering influence. And to-day, in its new home and under its new name, as the State Board of Missions, it is the representative and helper and head centre of all our missionary and benevolent enterprises, state and general.

In the light of what remains to be done, its growth and achievements may seem small, but viewing its work in the light of this contrast between the THEN and the NOW, we may well thank God and take courage.

For some more detailed account of the work of the past year, we refer you to our worthy secretary, who can give you facts and figures for which there is not room in this report.

### OUR HOME BOARD.

This forty-eighth year of the work of our Home Board has been in its results, in spite of hard times and political excitements, one that calls for signal praise to God. It has had in the field 368 missionaries, who preached 38,000 sermons, baptized 5,000 converts, received 9,000 additions to the churches, organized 412 Sunday schools, constituted 155 churches, built 92 houses of worship, and distributed 900,000 pages of tracts. It has paid off a debt of nearly $10,000, including the $22,000 due on the Havana house, and reported at Nashville for the first time in years a balance in the treasury. Its total cash receipts were $106,989.58, of which $29,373.48 were expended in church building. Its work among the negroes, represented by 60 missionaries, has met with cheering success.

Rev. W. H. McAlpine, the representative of both our Home and State Boards in Alabama, is conceded to be one of the strongest and best leaders of his race now known among us. He is a man of high character, good education, fine organizing capacity and teaching power, and has devised a system of instruction for pastors among his people that is working admirably and attracting wide attention.

Of the importance of the work now pressing upon the board, we can do no better than quote the words of President J. B. Gambrell, of Mercer University: "Multitudes of people speaking strange tongues will flow into this Southland. At first the Northern man with American ideas will come, but he will be followed by men from every nation under heaven. To prepare for, meet and christianize these millions is the work of the Home Board. Along the mountain fastnesses of the Virginias, Kentucky, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Arkansas, Alabama, and the great coming cities of the South, the battles are to be fought within a generation which will decide the spiritual destiny of this country a thousand years, as human affairs run. Nor is this the whole of it. The great numbers and strength of the Baptists of the South, through our Home Board, must be turned on the millions of lost souls in the North who are overbearing our Northern brethren. This is a defensive measure, since these people are to greatly affect our common country. There never was a time when we needed broader, deeper, more far-reaching plans for our Home Board than now."

In conclusion, we invite attention to the urgent lessons of the Centennial, as set before our people in the last annual report of the Board.

"The Centennial year has taught lessons by which we well may profit. The Corresponding Secretaries of both Kentucky and Georgia estimate that in these states two-thirds of our membership give nothing to our mission work, and these two states are certainly above the average of our people.

It may safely be said that within the bounds of this convention one million of baptized believers know little and care nothing about our mission work. Among those who do contribute, there is in the main but a low appreciation of the work done, and that to be done, and consequently a great majority of the offerings are far below the ability of those who give. It is evident that the spirit of missions has taken but slight hold upon our people, and there is but little desire for information upon this subject. This desire has yet to be created in the minds of *most*, and stimulated in the hearts of *all* our people. Tracts, leaflets, our mission papers, information given by our weekly press, are all indispensable But these are insufficient. Noth-

ing but the Heaven-ordained means of propagating the truth will avail. The living man, fired with holy zeal, must go to them and talk with them face to face about their duty to a living Saviour and a lost world. Some wise and efficient plan must be adopted, some earnest and long continued effort must be made to bring up our people to greater interest in the work of missions. If not, we fail to accomplish the very end for which the churches of Christ were brought into being. Our mission as Baptists will be a failure, and our great denomination but a barren fig tree which the Master's displeasure may wither forever.

We should, therefore, take some action that shall result in bringing our people into active sympathy with the end for which the Master lived and died, and which He has made obligatory upon us by His positive command sealed by His blood.

Respectfully submitted,

GEO. B. EAGER, Chairman.

Apportionment was then made to raise $2,000.00 for missions next year among the churches, as follows:

APPORTIONMENT.

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| First Montgomery | $1,000 00 | Mt. Lebanon | $ 20 00 |
| Adams Street | 250 00 | Mt. Zion | 75 00 |
| West Montgomery | 100 00 | Good Hope | 10 00 |
| Ramer | 60 00 | Wetumpka | 200 00 |
| Bethesda | 40 00 | Bethany | 50 00 |
| Philadelphia | 10 00 | Prattville | 100 00 |
| Pine Level | 60 00 | Coosada | 25 00 |
| Mt. Hebron | 25 00 | Lowndesboro | 60 00 |
| Deatsville | 50 00 | Hayneville | 30 00 |
| Shoal Creek | 10 00 | Ft. Deposit | 100 00 |
| Friendship | 20 00 | | |
| Total | | | $2,295 00 |

The following resolution was offered and adopted:

*Resolved*, That we heartily endorse and commend the plan of putting a Colporteur into every association in the state as soon as practicable, and we appeal to the different associations that are to meet during this year to take favorable action in this enterprise, and secure such co-operation as will give success.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Montgomery Association in account with J. H. Dickson, Treasurer.

DR.

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| To cash—Home Missions | $ 24 41 | |
| Foreign Missions | 17 53 | |
| State Missions | 25 54 | |
| Ministerial Education | 12 25 | |
| Minutes | 34 71 | |
| Missions | 29 53 | |
| Total | $143 97 | —$143 97 |

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| | |
|---|---|
| By J. I. Lamar | $ 34 71 |
| G. W. Ellis | 12 25 |
| W. B. Crumpton | 15 00 |
| G. S. Anderson | 20 00 |
| W. B. Crumpton | 62 01 |
| Total | $143 97--$143 97 |

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. DICKSON, Treasurer.

The association, by appropriate resolution, endorsed unanimously the action of the Board of Trustees of Howard College in the election of Rev. A. W. McGaha, D. D., as president of that institution, but the resolution was not handed to the Clerk, or was mislaid, and does not appear in form.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this association are hereby given to the citizens of Prattville, who have so generously entertained the delegates and visitors, and to the Pratt Gin Company for conveyances from and to the railroad.

Read and corrected the minutes and erased the names of absentees.

Adjourned to meet with Bethel Church, Ft. Deposit, Tuesday after the third Sunday in July, 1894.

Benediction by Dr. W. C. Cleveland.

T. L. JONES, MODERATOR,
Montgomery, Ala.

J. I. LAMAR, CLERK,
Troy, Ala.

## FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF MONTGOMERY ASSOCIATION.

| Churches. | Home Missions. | Church Building (not at home.) | Foreign Missions. | State Missions. | Indigent Ministers | Bible & Colport'ge | Ministerial Education | | | Minutes. | Centennial Work | Howard College (building). | Judson Female Institute (building). |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | Color'd Stud'ts | Howard College. | Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. | | | | |
| Adams Street | $ 14 00 | ..... | $ 17 47 | $ 35 15 | $5 00 | $2 00 | .... | $ 40 00 | $10 00 | $ 3 00 | $ 100 25 | | |
| Bethesda | 1 01 | .... | 1 29 | 2 14 | .. | 56 | ... | 5 00 | ..... | 1 50 | 20 21 | | |
| Bethany | ..... | .... | ..... | 7 37 | .... | ..... | ... | ... | ..... | 1 00 | 10 50 | | |
| Bethel | ..... | .... | 5 50 | 74 30 | .... | ..... | .... | 21 75 | ..... | 2 50 | 35 80 | $366 00 | |
| Coosada | ..... | .... | ..... | 2 03 | .. | ... | .... | ..... | ..... | 2 00 | 1 43 | | |
| Deatsville | ..... | .... | ..... | 1 69 | .. | .... | ..... | 5 00 | .. | 2 00 | 8 45 | 6 25 | |
| Friendship | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | .. | .. | ..... | ..... | .... | 1 00 | | | |
| Lowndesboro | 20 87 | .... | .... | ..... | .. | .... | ..... | 15 00 | .... | 2 00 | 21 50 | | |
| Mt: Hebron | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | .... | 5 00 | .... | 1 50 | 1 18 | | |
| Hayneville | ..... | .... | 26 50 | ..... | .. | .... | .... | 5 00 | ..... | 1 00 | | | |
| Mt. Zion | .... | .... | 40 00 | .... | ..... | .. | .... | 10 00 | ..... | 1 50 | 75 00 | | |
| Pine Level | 6 05 | ..... | 1 62 | 2 70 | .... | 72 | .... | 10 00 | .... | 2 00 | 41 55 | | |
| Prattville | 7 00 | .... | 9 69 | 7 00 | .. | . | ..... | 15 00 | .... | 1 75 | | | |
| First Montgomery | 129 50 | ..... | 136 94 | 10 00 | .. | 2 80 | .... | 100 00 | ..... | 5 00 | 1000 00 | | |
| West Montgomery | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Lebanon | 1 01 | .... | 1 29 | 2 14 | ..... | 56 | .... | 2 00 | ..... | 1 50 | 6 70 | | |
| Ramer | 1 01 | $10 00 | 1 29 | 2 14 | .... | 56 | ..... | 10 00 | .... | 1 00 | 11 68 | 6 25 | |
| Wetumpka | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | . . | . | ..... | 39 00 | | |
| Total | $180 45 | $10 00 | $241 59 | $146 66 | $5 00 | $7 20 | ..... | $213 75 | $10 00 | $30 25 | $1367 13 | $378 50 | |

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF MONTGOMERY ASSOCIATION—Continued.

| Churches. | Sunday School | | Women's Society. | | | Total. | Pastor's Salary. | Church building, repairs, fuel, the poor, etc. | Value of building and furniture. | Sunbeam Society. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | S. Missions and Centennial Fund. | School expenses. | Pura Cova at Judson. | Orphan's Home. | Centennial Work. | | | | | Centen'ial Work. | Foreign Missions. |
| Adams Street | $ 42 03 | ..... | ... | ..... | ..... | $ 268 90 | $1612 25 | $ 498 04 | $12000 00 | | |
| Bethesda | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 31 71 | 100 00 | ..... | 600 00 | | |
| Bethany | 9 55 | ..... | .... | ..... | $ 5 25 | 33 67 | 150 00 | 4 00 | 700 00 | | |
| Bethel | 6 30 | $ 12 00 | .... | .... | 202 11 | 726 26 | 600 00 | 396 05 | 6000 00 | | |
| Coosada | 5 45 | 14 00 | .... | ..... | ..... | 24 91 | 176 37 | 14 65 | 1000 00 | | |
| Deatsville | ..... | 14 80 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 23 39 | 50 00 | 22 35 | 450 00 | | |
| Friendship | 4 04 | 2 52 | .... | ..... | ..... | 5 04 | 48 25 | 12 30 | 450 00 | | |
| Lowndesboro | ..... | 25 00 | .... | $ 5 00 | ..... | 66 37 | 250 00 | 14 97 | 2750 00 | | |
| Mt. Hebron | ..... | 2 50 | .... | ..... | ..... | 10 18 | ..... | ..... | 750 00 | | |
| Hayneville | .... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | 32 50 | ..... | ..... | 1600 00 | | |
| Mt. Zion | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 126 50 | 250 00 | 16 00 | 1000 00 | | |
| Pine Level | 10 45 | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 75 09 | | | | | |
| Prattville | ..... | ..... | $5 00 | 44 55 | ..... | 89 24 | | | | | |
| First Montgomery | 148 24 | 559 97 | ..... | ..... | ..... | 1532 48 | 2500 00 | 2121 15 | 20000 00 | | |
| West Montgomery | .... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | ..... | ..... | 225 00 | 10000 00 | | |
| Mt. Lebanon | ..... | ..... | .... | ..... | ..... | 15 20 | ..... | ..... | 500 00 | | |
| Ramer | ..... | 8 16 | .... | ..... | ..... | 52 09 | ..... | 10 00 | 800 00 | | |
| Wetumpka | ..... | ..... | ..... | 56 40 | 2 00 | ..... | 250 00 | 48 00 | ..... | $9 30 | $13 85 |
| Total | $226 06 | $638 95 | $5 00 | $105 95 | $209 36 | $3103 53 | $6016 87 | $3382 51 | $58600 00 | $9 30 | $13 85 |

## STATISTICS OF MONTGOMERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1893.

| Church. | County. | Pastor. | Clerk. | Clerk's Postoffice. | No. Ordained Ministers. | No. Licensed Ministers. | Membership last reported. | Increase by | | | | Decre'se by | | | | Present membership. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | Baptism. | Letter. | Experi'nce | Restorat'n | Letter. | Exclusion | Erasure. | Death. | |
| Adams Street | Montgomery | W. M. Harris. | H. C. Oswalt. | Montgomery | 2 | | 229 | 3 | 19 | | 1 | 16 | 8 | | 1 | 227 |
| Bethany | Elmore | W. J. D. Upshaw. | J. S. Turner. | Ware | .... | .... | 61 | | | | | 4 | | | 1 | 56 |
| Bethel | Lowndes | S. J. Catts. | G. Little. | Ft. Deposit | 3 | .... | 271 | 19 | 13 | 1 | | 17 | | | 4 | 283 |
| Bethesda | Montgomery | B. A. Jackson. | J. T. Boyd. | Ada | | .... | 28 | 2 | 4 | | | 3 | | | | 31 |
| Coosada | Elmore | W. J. Elliott | J. E. Jones. | Robins'n Sp'gs | .... | | 24 | 3 | 5 | | | | | | 1 | 28 |
| Deatsville | " | A. C Swyndall. | T. O. Worrell. | Deatsville | | | 69 | 3 | 3 | 1 | | 5 | | | | 71 |
| Friendship | Montgomery | W. G. Sullivant | F. M. Sullivant | Raif Branch | 2 | .... | 53 | 5 | | | | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 53 |
| Good Hope | Autauga | W. H. Booth. | O. N. Gunnells. | Prattville | | | .... | 4 | 5 | | 7 | | 2 | | | 21 |
| Hayneville | Lowndes | W. J Elliott | J. P. Streety. | Hayneville | | | 26 | | | | | | | | | 25 |
| Lowndesboro | " | W J. Elliott | F. Gordon | Lowndesboro | .... | | 24 | 4 | 1 | | | 2 | | | | 27 |
| First Montgomery | Montgomery | Geo. B. Eager, D D | ~~J. B Graves~~ ✗ | Montgomery | 4 | | 724 | 43 | 52 | | 1 | 33 | 3 | 16 | 7 | 731 |
| West Montgomery | " | G. W. Townsend | H. L. Taylor | " | 2 | .... | | | | | | 3 | 4 | | 3 | 157 |
| Mt. Lebanon | " | B. A. Jackson. | W. F. Niblett. | Woodley | .... | | 39 | | | | | 1 | | | 1 | 37 |
| Mt. Hebron | Elmore | J. M. Johnson. | J. Hogan | Spigners | | | 63 | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | 63 |
| Mt. Zion | Montgomery | N. C. Underwood. | J G Mills. | Chambers | | | 27 | | 1 | | | | | | | 27 |
| Philadelphia | " | | | Lapine | | | | | | | | | | | | 31 |
| Pine Level | " | P. L. Mosely | J. H. Lee | Pine Level | | | | | 3 | | | 6 | | | 1 | 91 |
| Prattville | Autauga | J E. Bell | J. B. Bell. | Prattville | 1 | | 106 | 3 | 2 | | | 10 | 2 | 3 | | 96 |
| Ramer | Montgomery | B. A. Jackson. | J J McLendon | Ramer | 1 | | 52 | | 1 | | | 1 | | | | 52 |
| Shoal Creek | Elmore | | J N. Dean | Lightwood | | | | | | | | | | | | 33 |
| Wetumpka | " | | G. F. Sedberry | Wetumpka | .... | | 90 | 2 | | | | | | | | 92 |
| Total | | | | | 15 | | 1886 | 61 | 110 | 2 | 9 | 103 | 20 | 19 | 20 | 2235 |

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✗ J. B. Gerald.

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## STATISTICS OF MONTGOMERY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1893.

| Church. | Sunday School: Superintendent. | Superintend't's postoffice. | Officers and Teachers. | Pupils. | Volumes in library. | Preaching Sabbaths. | Reports Prayer Meeting. | Reports Revival. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adams Street | G. R. Farnham | Montgomery | 19 | 148 | 250 | Every | Weekly. | | |
| Bethany | W. P. Dawson | Ware | 4 | 23 | .... | 3 | | | Names of Churches organized during year: |
| Bethel | C. H. Priester. | Ft. Deposit | 8 | 160 | | 2 and 4 | Weekly. | | |
| Bethesda | E. Ward | Sprague J'nct'n | 4 | 31 | .... | 4 | " | | |
| Coosada | R. H. Hudson | Coosada | 7 | 51 | .... | 2 | | | |
| Deatsville | M. A. Pyron | Deatsville. | 7 | 45 | .. | 2 | Weekly. | | West Montgomery. |
| Friendship | C. V. Collier | Raif Branch | 4 | 55 | .... | 3 | Monthly | | Good Hope. |
| Good Hope | | | | .. | .. | 4 | | | |
| Hayneville | | | | .... | .... | 4 | | | |
| Lowndesboro | P. N Cilley | Lowndesboro | 8 | 33 | 40 | 1 | | | |
| First Montgomery | M. Cody, Jr | Montgomery | 37 | 315 | | Every | Weekly. | | |
| West Montgomery | F. Allen | " | 14 | 144 | . | " | " | | |
| Mt. Lebanon | | | | | | | | | |
| Mt. Hebron | J. N. Norris | Elmore | 9 | 52 | .. | 4 | Weekly. | | Names of Churches received from other associat'ns: |
| Mt. Zion | | | .... | .... | | 4 | | | |
| Philadelphia | | | | | | | | | |
| Pine Level | J. H. Dickson. | Pine Level | 7 | 55 | .... | 3 | Weekly. | | |
| Prattville | G. W. Ward | Prattville | 15 | 101 | 350 | 2 | " | | Bethel. |
| Ramer | J. R. McLendon. | Ramer | 4 | 60 | .. | 2 | | | |
| Shoal Creek | | | | | | | | | |
| Wetumpka | C. C. Edwards | Wetumpka | 5 | 45 | | | | | |
| Total | | | 152 | 1318 | | | | | |

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